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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: De Jong *et al.*
Serial No.: 10/722,045
Filed: November 25, 2003
For: A VIRUS CAUSING RESPIRATORY
TRACT ILLNESS IN SUSCEPTIBLE
MAMMALS

Confirmation No.: 8309
Group Art Unit: 1648
Examiner: Hill, Myron G.
Attorney Docket No.: 7682-108-999

RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. BOX 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The present submission is responsive to the Office communication dated August 22, 2007 ("the Communication"). The due-date for Applicants' response without extension of time was Saturday, September 22, 2007. Thus, the present submission on Monday, September 24, 2007 is timely.

In the Communication, the Examiner requested clarification as to which N-protein sequence was elected. In particular, the Examiner requested clarification as to whether the N-protein sequence of strain 00-1 or strain 99-1 was elected. Applicants hereby elect the N-protein sequence of strain 00-1.

The Examiner further requested identification of the elected sequence by sequence identification number. The elected N-protein sequence is identified as SEQ ID NO.:1 in the Supplemental Sequence Listing submitted on January 25, 2007.

No fee is believed due in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if any fee is required, please charge the amount of any such required fee to Jones Day deposit account no. 50-3013.